



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

With these astronauts flying around the Earth and the Moon, I was beginning to wonder if they could have changed the course of the sun. In as much as it went into hiding for almost two months. But lo and behold, it put in its appearance last weekend and proved that it was still around.

From reports I have received, it is going to take a lot of doing to undo what the rains have done. Even Irvine Lake was closed. Did you hear about the 29 pound catfish caught at Irvine? I wonder if there are any other big ones in there?

Some goings on was supplied by three local business men and one fugitive from the hills of Idaho. Walt Gilliard, Ben Smith, Frank Startup and the fugitive, Roy Smith, spent two days on the Rio Hardy River in Mexico and came home with limits of Teel, Spoonies, Wigeon, and Red Heads. I didn't know either but after investigation, I found out they were ducks. I heard that the lost soul, from the cold country, was the real hot dog. Incidentally, Friday and Saturday were the last two days of the duck season in Mexico.

The fishing half of our combination derby with Compton was stormed out, but the shooting half was held Sunday morning and as I get it, we were sluiced. Based on points for the top ten scorers, Compton won the first four places, which will place quite a burden on the bass fisherman to make even a contest. I understand one of our real hot shot shooters was missing and another one showed up late. My! My! You can bet the fishermen will be out in force, to retain our reputation.

And speaking of breakwater bass fishing, the owner and operator of the portable electric shop, known as Buckeye Electric, ventured out to the Long Beach rocks and picked up a keeper. Shouldn't be too difficult to get a limit.

This writer made a trip to San Diego, with the thought in mind of bringing home enough of these lunker White Sea Bass for our fish fry, but some plans go astray on occasion. Boarding the boat "Holiday", a 65 footer, we scurried out to the Coronado Islands. Arriving there about five-o'clock in the morning, we anchored, put out a big light over the water and attracted enough squid to fish with. But it was one of those days. The water was dirty and cold. There were four Bass and one small Yellow Tail caught plus Rock Cod, Perch, Sheephead, White fish, Sculpin, Johnnie bass, and a variety of other bottom fish. I settled for the variety. The jackpot was won with a 40 pound Halibut. With a few days of sunshine, I think fishing there will be on the incline.

Local boats are getting small halibut and pencil size Baracuda. The long range boats are taking good limits of Rock Cod. Lower Otay lake in the San Diego area opened Sunday. I understand there was lots of dirt in the water. When this condition clears, the bass fishing will be out of this world. Seven to nine pounders are many with some going to 13 and 14 pounds. I am going down next week, so will fill you in on actual conditions.

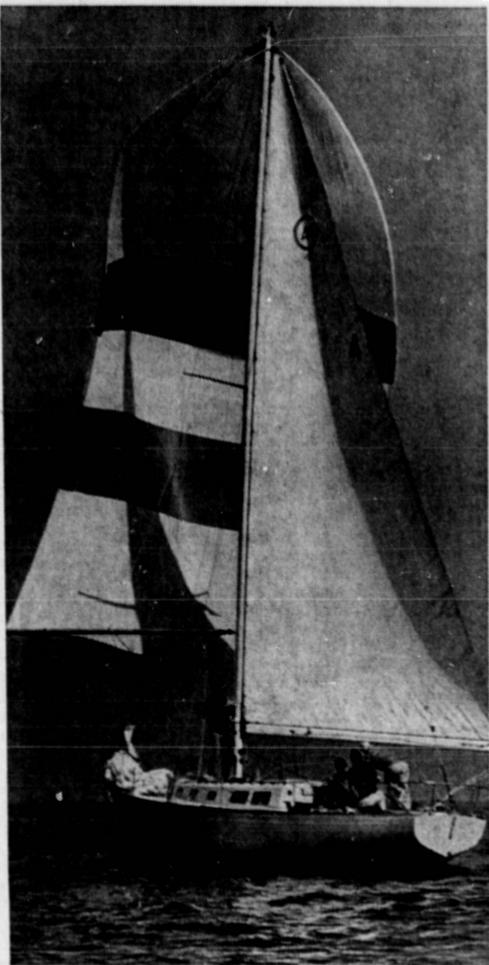
Goose Girl

Entries in the beauty and personality contest conducted annually to select the Hollywood Park Goose Girl, are now being taken, according to an announcement from Hollywood Park.

The Inglewood Chamber of Commerce is staging the competition which will determine the 1969 queen. She will reign during the 75-day thoroughbred meeting that will open Friday, April 11 and run through Wednesday, July 23.

Competition is restricted to young ladies between the ages of 18 and 20, who reside in Hollywood's home town of Inglewood.

Contest semi-finals reducing an anticipated field of 50 to eight, will be staged Monday, March 24, and the winner will be chosen in the finals at Hollywood Park Monday, March 31.



DOWNWIND RUN . . . Adjusting rigs on the sail boat Flamboyant is the Barney Flam crew which will compete in the Congressional Cup match off Long Beach March 13-16.

Trojans Excited About Basketball

Now that Cal has demonstrated the Bruins are mere mortals, USC has hopes of snapping a 16-game losing streak to UCLA that goes back to March 1, 1963.

But as much excitement surrounds the 5:45 p.m. preliminary games between the Trojan and Bruin freshman teams.

For there's joy at Troy over five recruits who have compiled a 17-0 record and scored more than 100 points four times.

The closest any team has come to the Trojans was a week ago at UC Irvine when a stall game forced the USC freshmen into overtime for a 45-43 victory.

"This is an outstanding freshman team," says USC yearling coach Jim Hefner. "The thing that impresses me most is the players are completely unselfish and work together as a unit."

Although not the top scorer, leader of the Trojans is 6-3 Paul Westphal, CIF Player of the Year at Aviation High in Redondo Beach during the 1967-68 season.

Jai Alai Sought in California

Capitol News Service

Proponents of Jai Alai, the popular Mexican handball game south of the border, once again seek to bring the sport, along with pari-mutuel wagering, to California.

Assemblyman John P. Quimby (D-Rialto), introduced AB 748, almost a duplicate of his measure of two years ago, withdrawn because other revenue measures were considered at the time.

Quimby said he is re-introducing the bill because of the urgent need for additional revenues this year.

Besides the entertaining features of the sport, California could realize a new source of revenue amounting to about \$4 million the first year of operation. He pointed out that in Florida, where the game is legal, some \$14 million in revenue to the state from the pari-mutuel machines resulted in four years of operation.

Under the Quimby bill, jai alai would be licensed and regulated by the California Horse Racing Board.

The board has indicated that as an estimate, four jai alai frontons, or arenas, could be operated in major population centers, such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, Sacramento, or Orange County.

At the end of four years, Quimby says that almost 10 million persons would be attending the games in California.

Basketball Season Ends

After winning 14 Bay League games and the first round game in the CIF playoffs, North High was toppled from the ranks of championship contenders by Ventura Tuesday night, 86-77.

Ventura, having the benefit of plenty of height, held the Saxons under 20 points a quarter until the final heat when they got 21 points.

The Cougars had a 26-point second period to take command of the game. Keith Wilkes scored 30 points and Bob Turner had 23 for the victors.

North High's "big three" of Dan Anderson, Harlen Peet, and Jim Thomas had 24, 21 and 14 points.

Also beaten in the second

round was South High, an 84-67 loser to Del Rey League champion Notre Dame. The Irish made 17 swishers in the first half to build a 49-33 advantage.

Dennis Rector tallied 24 points for the only monumental scoring for South.

Torrance, showing a weak second half effort, was bombed by Huntington Beach, 62-41.

Surviving the playoffs was Morningside High. The Monarchs tumbled Long Beach Poly, 86-81.

In the "AAA" playoffs Beverly Hills beat San Marcos, 69-65, but Aviation was nipped by Santa Maria, 61-60.

In a move to accommodate prep basketball fans throughout the Southland, all four CIF "AAAA" division quarter-final games will be held in the 12,000-seat Long Beach Arena on Friday and Saturday nights.

Two games will be played each night, with Compton and Bellflower kicking off action on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Huntington Beach and Sunny Hills will follow at about 9 p.m., to round out Friday action.

Ventura's Cougars, on a 26-game winning streak, will square off against Morningside in the Saturday opener, slated for 7:30 p.m. Second-seeded Muir and Notre Dame of Sher-

man Oaks will close out action at 9 p.m. Saturday.

Winners of weekend action in the "AAAA" division will have a week-long lay-off before moving to the Los Angeles Sports Arena for semi-final play on Friday, March 14.

In the "AAA" division, Garden Grove's undefeated Argonauts (27-0) will square off against Montview League runner-up Rowland in the NBC-TV "Game of the Week," which will be televised live and in color from Orange Coast College on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m., following the NCAA regionals telecast.

Grunion Run Due Tonight

A four-night spawning run of grunion is reported along Southern California beaches. It is the first run of the 1969 open season on the silvery little ocean fish.

Spawning runs of one to two hours are expected to start tonight about 11:06 p.m.; 11:42 Saturday, and 12:36 a.m. Sunday night.

Additional open-season runs of four-night duration are expected to start March 20, June 16, July 1 and August 1.

The grunion season is closed throughout April and May to allow the fish to spawn un-molested.

Anyone 16 or older must have a valid angling license to take grunion, and they may be taken only by hand. No appliance of any kind may be used and it is unlawful to dig a hole in the beach to entrap the fish. There is no bag limit on grunion, but it is unlawful to waste them.

The Department of Fish and Game says it is impossible to predict which beaches the fish will hit, but grunion runs may occur on any sandy beach from Mexico north into Santa Barbara County.

Grunion deposit their eggs about two inches deep in the beach sand. Succeeding tides bury the eggs eight to 16 inches deep. After about 10 days, the next high tides erode the beach and expose the eggs. Within two or three minutes the baby grunion hatch and are washed out to sea.

Fitness Classes Planned

Bob Long, 52, a participant in the Torrance Recreation Physical Fitness Class, astounded the instructor and fellow class members by doing 1,000 consecutive sit-ups during a recent class session.

The next session in physical fitness will begin Tuesday, March 18. Area residents are welcome to join this nine-week course. Some of the activities include calisthenics, weight training, jogging, and swimming.

Three fitness classes will be held at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge, each running on Tuesday and Thursday evening through May 15. Beginners will meet from 5:30 to 6:55 p.m. Advanced members will meet from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Another beginning class will run from 8 to 9:15 p.m.

Registration is at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1969

SOUTH HIGH SEEKS CIF SOCCER TITLE

South High, the highest-scoring soccer team in the CIF, and Valley Christian, which has allowed only two goals this season, collide Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Valley Christian for the CIF soccer championship.

The Spartans, who defeated defending champion San Gabriel Mission, 5-1, in the semi-finals, will test Valley Christian's staunch defense, which allowed only one goal in regular-season play and one in a 2-1 decision over Cathedral in the semi-finals.

The South High soccer team is undefeated in nine league games with a record of 46 goals scored and seven against.

South is coached by Roger Bryant and the players are Chuck Adamson, Mike Brennan, Steve Burks, Mike Di Rosario, Stuart Hunter, Randy Kirk, Randy Larson, Larry LeVesque, Rick Maltin, Rick Nugent, Mike Ruby, Steve Shev, Ken Steidley, Glen Waller, and Ken Wynne.

The South High H.C. soccer team beat Salesian, 2-1, last Friday. The J.V.'s had an unbeaten 10-0 record in league and play-off games. Overall, their record is 12-2.

Steve Sogge Gets Chance in Baseball

On the first day of this year Steve Sogge was the starting quarterback for USC in the Rose Bowl. For Steve, it was the perfect way to close his football career. Now he is a catcher in the Dodger organization.

Steve proved he was an outstanding college football player. Many fans, and a few coaches, thought Steve, at 5-11 and 185 pounds, was too small to play quarterback for one of the nation's finest collegiate teams.

"The important thing is not proving something to other people," says Steve. "The important thing is proving it to yourself. The real satisfaction is knowing you did a good job at what you attempted. It's the inner satisfaction which counts."

At Dodgertown, Steve Sogge does not give the appearance of a young man who was a successful college football quarterback and who was good enough as a baseball player to sign for a bonus with the Dodgers.

His dress is conservative, his manner polite and he is soft spoken.

But Steve Sogge is a battler,

and he has the confidence on the athletic field which comes from achievement.

When Steve, a Gardena lad, signed a professional baseball contract in January it was a Spokane contract. "I would like to start out in Triple-A from one standpoint but I know it might be to my advantage to spend a season at Albuquerque."

Albuquerque isn't the most appealing place to some people, but Steve has sound reasoning.

"The great thing about Albuquerque is that Del Crandall will be the manager there. He's already helped me tremendously in the first 10 days here."

Crandall, the former Milwaukee Brave catching star, will be making his debut as a manager at Albuquerque this season. Steve and Tom Larsoda, the Spokane manager, head the delegation on non-roster players at Dodgertown.

"I've had a lot of questions about my catching as to whether I was doing various things the right way. On several things Del assured me that what I have been doing is correct. This helps to build confidence. On other things he has made a few suggestions which I believe will be a tremendous help to me."

Swim Event Draws Top Performers

World record-holders Debbie Meyer and Mike Burton are among the entries for the fifth annual Southern California Swimming Invitational to be held at the City of Commerce Aquatorium, March 14, 15, and 16.

Miss Meyer, 1969 Sullivan Award and triple Olympic Gold Medal Winner, is the American record-holder for the 200 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle, and the 1650 yard freestyle. She was also named the female "Swimmer of the Year" for 1968.

Burton is the national indoor record-holder in the 500 freestyle, and 1650 yard freestyle, and won the 400 and 1,500 meter freestyle events at the Mexico Olympic Games.

The March 14 competition will be held at 6 p.m. The 15th and 16th will be held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hayes Passes 2,000

Elvin Hayes of the San Diego Rockets hit the 2,000 point scoring mark this past week to become the first rookie to do so this early in the season since Wilt Chamberlain performed the feat in his first season in 1959-60.

The race for the runner-up spot in scoring is tightening up with three players going over the 1,700 mark. Bob Rule of Seattle, Bill Cunningham of Philadelphia, and Earl Monroe of Baltimore have 1,751, 1,740, and 1,717 points.

Wilt Chamberlain of Los Angeles with a .574 field goal percentage heads a group of seven performers over the .500 mark. Last year at the corresponding date four NBA shooters were hitting 50 percent or better.

Larry Siegfried of Boston maintain his lead among the foul shooters with an .873, having successfully scored 308 out of 353 attempts. Fred Hetzel of Cincinnati and Jeff Mullins of San Francisco moved ahead of Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson in the runner-up spots. Hetzel is hitting at .843 to .840 for Mullins. The Big O, with the most fouls caged, 562 out of 671, has a .838 average.

The rebound battle virtually appears over with Chamberlain holding a .6 rebound per game average advantage over Bill Russell of Boston, 20.7 to 20.1. Will has 1,450 recoveries to 1,306 for Big Bill. Rookies West Unselt of Baltimore and Hayes are next with 1,228 and 1,225 cars.

Robertson continues at an 9.6 average in playmaking and has 643 assists to 583 chalked up by Len Wilkens of Seattle, for an average of 8.2. New York's Walt Frazier, who became a starter for the Knicks after Butch Kowitz was traded to Detroit, has 517 feeds and a 7.5 average.

North Cops Two Games in Baseball

The rains subsided long enough this week for a number of high school baseball games to be played.

The Montgomery Knights won a 5-0 one-hitter from defending Bay League champion South. Rolling Hills turned around to beat Montgomery in a 4-2 game.

Torrance beat El Segundo, 6-4, but took a 6-1 whipping from North.

The Saxons also scored a 14-0 victory over Hawthorne, belting three pitchers for 13 hits.

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BLUE RIBBON AWARDS . . . Receiving commendations from Los Angeles are United States Olympic water polo team star Ronald Crawford (left) of Torrance, and fencing competitor Alfonso Morales of Santa Monica. The awards were presented to the pair by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (right) and City Councilman Gilbert Lind-